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U.S. Patent Documents

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,302,552 B1 to David A. Ross et al., issued October 16, 2001;

Foreign Patent Documents

2. DE 195 38 547 A1, applicant VDO Adolf Shindling AG, published April 24, 1997 (with English language abstract); and
3. FR 2 679 998 A1, applicant Automobiles Peugeot, published February 5, 1993 (with English language abstract).

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A copy of the above-listed U.S. patent, which is listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08, is not enclosed, in accordance with the waiver of the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 that appears in the Official Gazette Notice (Week No. 31) dated August 5, 2003 and entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications Filed After June 30, 2003".

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